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FOR THE

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OF ALL

CHRISTIAN PEOPLE:

In all occasions and necessities.

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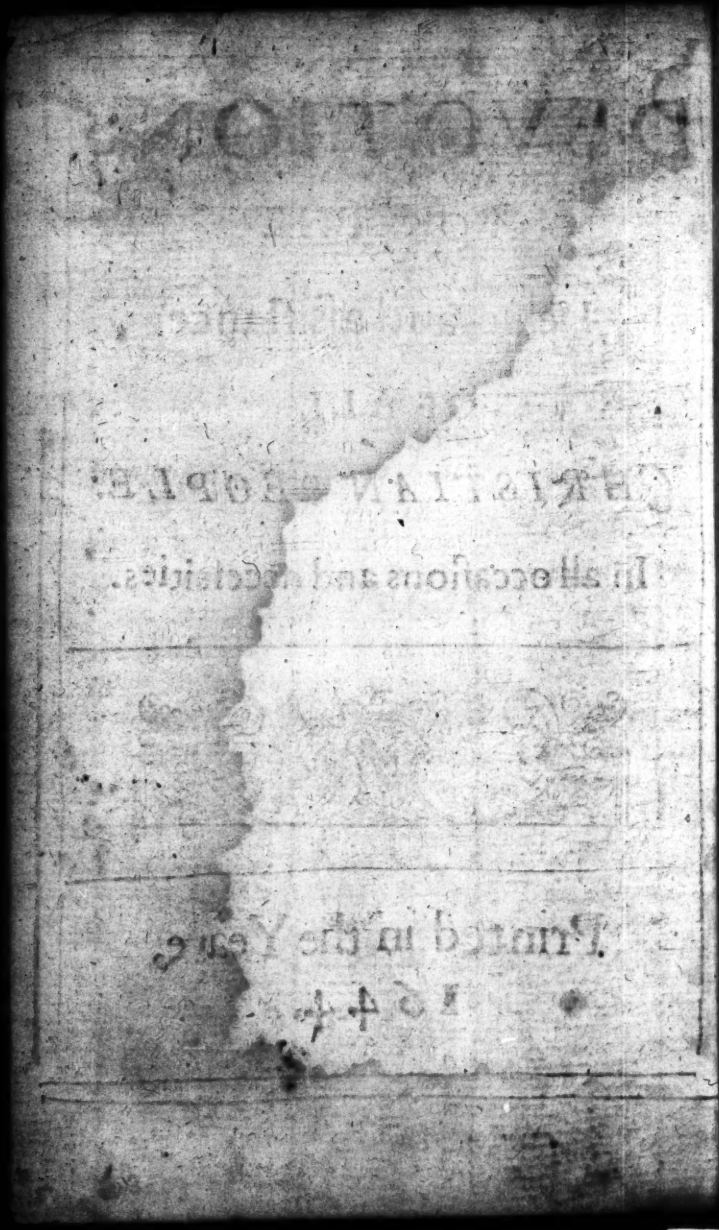

A Prayer against wandring thoughts, to be said at the beginning of our devotions.

ALmighty God, who hast commanded us to pray unto thee without ceasing, and hast added many glorious promises for our incouragement, let thy holy Spirit teach me how to pray, give me just apprehensions of my wants, zeale of thy glory, great resentment of thy mercies, love of all spirituall imployments that are pleasing unto thee; and do thou helpe mine infirmities, that the Devill may not abuse my fancy with illusions, nor distract my minde with cares, nor alienate my thoughts with impertinencies, but give me a present minde, great devotion, a heart fixed upon thy divine beauties, and an actuall intention and perseverance in my prayers, that I may glorifie thy Name, do unto thee true and laudable service, and obtain reliefe for all my necessities. Heare me, O King of Heaven, when I call upon thee, for thou hast promised mercy to them that

pray in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Iesus Christ. *Amen.*

Penitentiall Prayers, and a Forme of Confession of sinnes to God, to be said upon dayes of publique or private humiliation.

O Lord God of mercy and pardon, give me a just remembrance and sad apprehensions of my sinnes; teach me to bewaile them with as great an indignation and bitternesse, as I have committed them with complacency and delight. Let my prayers and my confession come into thy presence, and obtaine a mercy for me and a pardon. Let not thy justice and severity so remember my sinnes, as to forget thine own mercy; and though I have committed that for which I deserve to be condemned, yet thou canst not loose that glorious attribute whence flowes comfort to us and hopes of being sawed. Spare me therefore, O mercifull God, for to give pardon to a sinner that confesseth his sinnes, and begges remission, is not impossible to thy power, nor disproportionate to thy justice, nor unusuall to thy mercy and sweetest clemency. Blessed Jesu, acknowledge in me whatsoever is thine, and cleanse me from whatsoever is unlike. Have pittie on me now in the time of mercy, and condemne me not when thou

thou commeſt to judgement, for what profit is there in my bloud? Thou delighteſt not in the death of a ſinner, but in his converſion there is joy in Heaven; and when thou haſt delivered me from my ſinnes, and ſaved my ſoule, I ſhall praiſe and magnifie thy Name to all eternity. Mercy, ſweet Jeſu, Mercy.

Lord have mercy upon us.
Chriſt have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

I am not worthy, O Lord, to look up to Heaven, which is the Throne of thy purity, for my ſins are moe in number than the haires upon my head, and my heart hath failed me.

Lord be mercifull to me a ſinner.

I have not lived according to thy will, but in the vanity of mine own thoughts, in idle, ſinfull, and impertinent language, in foolish actions, in blindneſſe of heart, in contempt of thy holy Word and Commandments: I have not loved thee my God with all my heart, nor feared thee with all my ſoule, nor ſerved thee with all my might according to thy holy precept, nor loved my neighbour as my ſelfe.

Lord be mercifull to me a ſinner.

I have been unthankfull to thy Divine Ma-

jesty, forgetting that thou madest me and preservest me; to thy Son my blessed Saviour, forgetting the bitter paines he suffered for me; and to the holy Ghost, forgetting how many gracious influences I have received from him for my helpe, comfort, and promotion in the wayes of holy Religion, but have rebelled against thee my Maker, have sold my selfe to worke wickednesse from whence by the passion of thy holy Son I was redeemed, and have resisted the holy Ghost.

Lord be mercifull to me a sinner.

I have offended thee my God in an inordinate estimation of my selfe, in vaine complacencies, and desires to be esteemed as much or more than others, in not suffering with meeknesse, indifference, and obedience, the humiliations sent to me by thy divine providence, in haughty deportment toward my superiours, equals, and inferiours, and in accepting such honours as have been done to me without returning them to thee the Fountaine.

Lord be mercifull to me a sinner.

I have offended thee my God in impatience, in anger intemperate in degree, inordinate in the object, growing peevish and disquieted by trifling inadvertencies of others, and slight accidents about me.

Lord be mercifull to me a sinner.

I have offended thee my God, by being envious at the prosperous successes and advantages of my neighbours, and have had resentments of joy at their displeasures and sadnesses.

Lord be mercifull to me a sinner.

I have been negligent in performance of my charge, idle in doing my duties, soft and effeminate in my life, indevout in my prayers, slothfull in the exercises of Religion, weary of their length, displeased at their returne, without advertency in the execution of them, and glad at an occasion of their pretermission.

Lord be mercifull to me a sinner.

I have been diligent and curious in pleasing my appetite of meat, and drinke, and pleasures, loosing my time, pampering my flesh, quenching the Spirit, making matter both for sin and sicknesses, and have not been sedulous in mortifying my body for the subduing mine owne intemperances and inordination.

Lord be mercifull to me a sinner.

I have been an improvident steward of the good things thou hast given me, I have loved them inordinately, sought them greedily, and unjustly, dispensed them idlely, & parted with them unwillingly: I have not been so charitable to the poore, or so pittifull to the afflicted, or so compassionate to the sicke, or so apt to succour and give

supply to the miseries of my neighbours as I ought, but have too much minded things below, not setting mine affections upon Heaven and heavenly things, but have been unlike thee in all things, I have been unmercifull and unjust.

Lord be mercifull to me a sinner.

Mine eyes, O Lord, have wandred after vanity, beholding and looking after things unseemly without displeasure, despising thy neighbours, prying into their faults, but have been blinde not seeing mine own sinnes, and infinite irregularities.

Lord be mercifull to me a sinner.

I have not with care kept the doore of my lips, nor bridled my tongue, but have been exceeſſive in talking, immoderate in dissolute and wanton laughter, apt to lie, to deny truth, to accuse others, to scoffe at them, to aggravate their faults, to lessen their worth, to give rash judgement, to flatter for advantage, to speake of thy Name irreverently, and without religious or grave occasions, our discourses have been allayed with slander and backbiting, not apt to edifie, or minister grace unto the hearers.

Lord be mercifull to me a sinner.

Mine eares have been greedy after vanity, listening after things unprofitable, or that might tend to the prejudice of my neighbours, and have not

not with holy appetite listened after thy holy words and conveyances of salvation.

Lord be mercifull to me a sinner.

I have offended thee by the entertainment of evill thoughts, thoughts of uncleanneſſe and impurity, and have not reſiſted their firſt beginnings, but have given conſent to them expliciteley and implicitly, and have brought them up till they have grown into idle words and actions.

Lord be mercifull to me a ſinner.

I have made my ſelfe guilty of the ſinnes of others by conſent, by approving, by not reproving, by cooperating, by encouraging their ill actions, ſo making mine owne heape greater by pulling their deformities upon mine own head.

Lord be mercifull to me a ſinner.

I have imployed all my members and faculties both of ſoule and body in the wayes of unrighteouſneſſe, I have tranſgreſſed my duty in all my relations, and in all my actions and traverſes of my whole life, even where I might have had moſt confidence I finde nothing but weakneſſe and imperfections.

Lord be mercifull to me a ſinner.

I have broken my vowes and purpoſes of obedience, and holy life, I have been inconſtant to all good, refractory to counſels, diſobedient to commands, ſtubborne againſt admonition, churliſh and ungentle

ungentle in my behaviour, mindfull and revengefull of injuries, forgetfull of benefits, seeking my own ends, deceiving my own soul.

Lord be mercifull to me a sinner.

My secret sinnes, O Lord, are innumerable, sins secret to my selfe through inadvertency, forgetfullnesse, wilfull ignorance, or stupid negligence; secret to the world, committed before thee only, and under the witnesse of my own conscience. I am confounded with the multitude of them, and the horror of their remembrance.

Oh Jesu God, be mercifull unto me.

I.

SOn of *David*, Blessed Redeemer, Lamb of God, that takest away the sinnes of the world have mercy upon me. O Iesu, be a Iesu unto me, thou that sparedst thy servant *Peter* that denyed thee thrice, thou that didst cast seven Devils out of *Mary Magdalen*, and forgavest the woman taken in adultery, and didst beare the converted thief from the Crosse, to the joyes of Paradise, have mercy upon me also; for although I have amassed together more sinnes, then all these in conjunction, yet not their sinnes, nor mine, nor the sinnes of all the world can equall thy glorious mercy, which is as infinite, and eternall as thy selfe. I acknowledge, O Lord, that I am vile, but yet redeemed

deemed with thy precious bloud; I am blinde, but thou art the light of the world; I am weak, but thou art my strong rock; I have been dead in trespasses and sinnes, but thou art my resurrection and my life. Thou, O Lord, loveſt to shew mercy, and the expressions of thy mercy, the nearer they come to infinite, the more proportionable they are to thy essence, and like thy selfe. Behold then O Lord, a fit object for thy pitty: my sinnes are so great and many that to forgive me, will be an act of glorious mercy, and all the praises which did acrue to thy name, by the forgiuenesse of *David*, and *Manasses*, and S. *Paul*, and the adultresse, and the thiefe, and the Publican will be multiplyed to thy honour, in the forgiuenesse of me so vile, so unworthy a wretch, that I have nothing to say for my selfe, but that the greatnesse of my misery, is a fit object for thy miraculous and infinite mercy. Despise me not, O Lord, for I am thy creature, despise me not, for thou didst dye for me, cast me not away in thine anger, for thou camest to seek me, and to save me. Say unto my soul I am thy salvation; let thy holy spirit lead me from the errours of my wayes, into the paths of righteousnesse, to great degrees of repentance, and through all the parts of a holy life, to a godly & a holy death. Grant this, O blessed Iesu, for thy mercies, and for thy pitty sake. *Amen.*

II.

II.

O Lord God, Blessed Iesu, Eternall Iudge of quick and dead, I tremble with horror at the apprehension when I call to mind with what terrors and Majesty thou shalt appeare in judgement; a fire shall go out from thy presence and a tempest shall be stirred up round about thee, such a tempest as shall rend the rocks, levell the mountaines, shake the earth, disorder and dissolve the whole fabrick of the heavens, and where then shall I, vile sinner, appear, when the heavens are not pure in thy sight. Lord I tremble when I remember that sad truth, If the righteous scarcely be saved, where then shall the wicked and the ungodly appeare? I know, O Lord, that all my secret impurities shall be laid open before all the Nations of the world, before all the orders and degrees of Angels, in the presence of innumerable millions of beatified spirits. There shall I see many that have taught me innocence and sanctity, many that have given me pious example, many that have dyed for thee, and suffered tortures rather then they would offend thee. O just and dear God, where shall I appeare, who shall plead for me that am so loaden with impurities, with vanity, with ingratitude, with malice, and the terrore of an affrighting conscience? Lord what shall

I do, who am straitned by my own covetousnesse, accused by my own pride, consumed with envy, set on fire by lust, made dull with gluttony, and stupid by drunkennesse, supplanted by ambition, rent asunder with faction and discord, made dissolute with lightnesse and inconstancy, deceived with hypocrisie, abused with flattery, foold with presumption, disturb'd with anger, and disordered by a whole body of sinne and death? But thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my God, thou art my judge and my advocate, and thou art to passe sentence upon me for those sinnes, for which thou diedst. O reserve not my sinnes to be punished in the life to come, for then I dye eternally, but bring me in this world to a holy, a sharp and Salutary repentance. Behold I am in thine hands; grant I may so weep, and be contrite for my sinnes, that in the houre of my death I may finde mercy, and in the day of judgement I may be freed from all the terrors of thy wrath, and the sentence of the wicked, and may behold thy face with joy and security, being set at thy right hand, with all thy saints and Angels to sing an eternall Alleluiah to the honour of thy mercies. *Amen*, sweet Iesu. *Amen*.

III.

III.

MOST Mercifull and indulgent Iesu, hear the complaint of a sad and miserable sinner, for I have searched into the secret receſſes of my soul, and there I finde nothing but horror, and a barren wilderneſſe, a neglected conſcience overgrown with sinnes and cares, and beſet with fears and sore amazements. I finde that I have not obſerved due reverence towards my ſuperiors, nor modeſty in my diſcourſe, nor diſcipline in my manners. I have been obſtinate in my vain purpoſes, coſen'd in my own ſemblances of humility, pertinacious in hatred, bitter in my jeſting, impatient of Subjection, ambitious of power, ſlow to good actions, apt to talke, ready to ſupplant my neighbours, full of jealouſies and ſuſpition, ſcornfull and cenſorious, burdenſome to my friends, ingratefull to my benefactors, imperious to my inferiours, boaſting to have ſaid what *I* ſaid not, to have ſeen what I ſaw not, to have done what I did not, and have both ſaid, and ſeen, and done what I ought not, provoking thy divine Majeſty with a continuall courſe of ſinne and vanity. And yet, O Lord, thou haſt ſpared me all this while, and haſt not taken away my life in the midſt of my ſinnes, which is a mercy ſo admirable and of ſo vaſt a kindneſſe, as no heart or tongue can thinke,

thinke, or speak. If thou hadst dealt with me according as I had deserved, and might justly have expected, I had been now, now at this instant seal'd up to an eternity of torments, hopelessely miserable, fearing the revelation of thy day with an insupportable amazement: and now under the sweet influences of thy mercies, I am praying to thee, confessing my sinnes, with shame, indeed at my baseness and ingratitude, but with a full hope and confidence in thy mercy. O turne the eyes of thy divine clemency with a gracious aspect upon a wretched sinner, open the bowels of thy mercy, and receive me into favour. O my dear God, let thy grace speedily worke that in me for which thou so long hast spared me, and to which thou didst designe me in thy holy purposes and mercies of eternity, even a true faith, and a holy life, conformable to thy will, and in order to eternall blessednesse. I remember, O Lord, the many fatherly expressions and examples of thy mercies to repenting sinners, thy delight in our conversion, thy unwillingnesse to destroy us, thy earnest invitation of us to grace and life, thy displeasure at our dangers and miseries, the infinite variety of meanes thou usest to bring us from the gates of death, and to make us happy to eternity. These mercies, O Lord, are so essentiall to thee, that thou canst not but be infinitly pleased in demonstrations

monstrations of them. Remember not, O Lord, how we have despised thy mercies, sleighted thy judgements, neglected thy Commandments; but now at length establish in us great contrition for our sinnes, leade us on to humble confession and dereliction of them, and let thy grace make us bring forth fruits meet for repentance, fruits of justice, of hope, of charity, of religion and devotion, that we may be what thou delightest in, holy, and just, and mercifull, vessels prepared for honour, temples of the holy Ghost, and instruments of thy praises to all eternity, O blessed Iesu, who livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesu Christ, Son of the eternall God, interpose thy holy Death, thy Crosse and Passion between thy judgement and my soule, now and in the houre of my death, granting unto me grace and mercy, to all faithfull people pardon and peace, to the Church unity and amity, and to all sinners repentance and amendment, to us all life and glory everlasting, who livest and reignest ever one God, world without end, *Amen.*

A Forme of thankesgiving, with a particular enumeration of Gods blessings.

MOst glorious Lord God, infinite in mercy, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great goodnesse, I adore, and praise, and glorifie thy holy Name, worshipping thee with the lowliest devotions of my soule and body, and give thee thankes for all the benefits thou hast done unto me; for whatsoever I am, or have, or know, or desire as I ought, it is all from thee, thou art the Fountain of being and blessing, of sanctity and pardon, of life and glory.

Praise the Lord, O my soule, and all that is within me praise his holy Name.

Thou, O God, of thine infinite goodnesse hast created me of nothing, and hast given me a degree of essence next to Angels, imprinting thine Image on me, enduing me with reasonable faculties of will and understanding, to know and chuse good, and to refuse evill, and hast put me into a capacity of a blessed immortality.

O praise the Lord with me, and let us magnifie his Name together.

Thou, O God, of thy great mercy hast given me a comely body, a good understanding, streight limbes, a ready and unlooſed tongue, whereas

with justice thou mightest have made me crooked and deformed, lottish and slow of apprehension, imperfect and impedite in all my faculties.

O give thankes unto the God of Heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Thou, O God, of thy glorious mercies, hast caused me to be borne of Christian parents, and didst not suffer me to be strangled in the wombe, but gavest me opportunity of holy Baptisme, and hast ever since blessed me with education in christian Religion.

Thy way, O God, is holy, who is so great a God as our God?

Thou, O God, out of thine abundant kindnesse hast made admirable variety of creatures to minister to my use, to serve my necessity, to preserve and restore my health, to be an ornament to my body, to be representations of thy power and of thy mercy.

Unto thee, O God, will I pay my vowes: unto thee will I give thankes.

Thou, O God, of thine admirable and glorious mercy hast made thine Angels ministring spirits for my protection and defence against all the hostilities of the Devill; thou hast set a hedge about me, and such a guard as all the power of hell and earth cannot overcome: thou hast preserved me by thy holy providence and the ministery of Angels

gels from drowning, from burning, from precipice, from deformities, from fracture of bones, and all the snares of evill, and the great violations of health, which many of my betters suffer.

I will give thankes unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

Thou, O most mercifull God, hast fed me and clothed me, hast raised me up friends and blessed them, hast preserved me in dangers, hast rescued me from the fury of the sword, from the rage of pestilence, from perishing in publike distemperatures and diseases epidemicall, from terrours and affrightments of the night, from illusions of the Devill and sad apparitions; thou hast been my guide in my journies, my refreshment in lassnesses, my hope and my confidence in all my griefes and desolations.

O give thankes unto the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.

But above all mercies it was not lesse than infinite, whereby thou lovedst me and all mankinde when we were lost and dead, and rebells against thy Divine Majesty; thou gavest thine owne begotten Son to seek us when we were astray, to restore us to life when we were dead in our sinnes and sinnes, and to reconcile us to thy selfe by the merrits and the atonement of an everlasting covenant.

He is our God, even the God of whom commeth salvation: God is the Lord by whom we escape death.

O most blessed Iesu, I praise & adore thine infinite mercies, humility, and condescension, that for my sake thou wouldest descend from the bosome of thy heavenly Father into the pure wombe of an humble maid, and take on thee my nature, and be borne, and cry, and suffer cold, and all the incommodities which the meannesse of a stable could minister to the tendernesse of thy first infancy.

Lord, what is man that thou art mindfull of him? and the Son of man that thou so regardest him?

I adore thee, blessed Iesu, and praise thee for thine immaculate sanctity, for all thy holy precepts and counsels, for thy Divine example, for thy miracles and mysterious revelations of thy Fathers will, for the institution of the holy Sacraments, and all other blessings of thy Prophoticall Office.

O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious: sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.

I adore and love thee, most blessed Iesu, for all the parts of thy most bitter Passion, for thy being betrayed and accused, buffeted and spit upon, blindfolded and mocked, crowned with thornes and scourged, for thine agony and bloudy sweat,

for thy bearing the ſad load of the Croſſe, and ſadder load of our ſinnes, for thy Crucifixion three long houres, when the weight of thy Body was ſupported with wounds and nailes, for thy Death and Buriall, for thy continuall interceſſion and advocation with thy heavenly Father in behalfe of me and all thy holy Church, and all other acts of mediation and redemption, the bleſſings of thy prieſtly Office.

O praiſe the Lord for his goodneſſe: and declare the wonders he hath done for the children of men.

I adore and magnifie thy holy Name, O moſt bleſſed Ieſu, for thy triumph over death, hell, ſin, and the grave, for thy opening the Kingdome of Heaven to all believers, for thy glorious reſurrection and aſcenſion, for thy government over all the creatures, for the advancement of thy holy Kingdome, for thy continuall reſiſting and defeating the intendments of thine enemies againſt thy Church, by the ſtrength of thine arme, by the mightineſſe of thy power, by the glories of thy wiſedome; for thoſe bleſſed promiſes thou haſt made & performeſt to thy Church of ſending the holy Ghoſt, of giving her perpetuity of being in defiance of all the gates and powers of Hell and darkneſſe, and bleſſing her with continuall aſſiſtances, and all other glories of thy Regall Office and power.

O sing praises, sing praises unto our God: O sing praises, sing praises unto our King: for God is the King of all the earth, sing ye praises with understanding.

O most holy Spirit, Love of the Father, Fountain of grace, Spring of all spirituall blessings, I adore and praise thy divine excellencies which are essentiall to thy glorious Selfe in the unity of the most mysterious Trinity, and which thou communicatest to all faithfull people, and to me thy unworthy servant in the unity of the Catholike Church.

O magnifie the Lord our God, and fall down before his footstoole: for he is holy.

O blessed Spirit, I praise and magnifie thy Name for thy miraculous descent upon the Apostles in Pentecost in mysterious representments, for those great graces and assistances comming upon their heads, and falling downe upon us all in the descent of all ages of the Church, for confirmation of our Faith, for propagation of the Gospel, for edification and ornament of thy Family.

Thou O God, shalt endure for ever, and thy remembrance throughout all generations.

O most glorious Spirit, I praise and magnifie thy Name for thy inspiration of the Apostles and Prophets, for thy providence and mercy in causing holy Scriptures to be written, and preser-

ving them from the corruptions of Heretickes, from the violences of Pagans and enemies of the Croſſe of Chriſt.

I will alwayes give thankes unto the Lord: his praiſe ſhall ever be in my mouth.

I bleſſe thy Name for thoſe holy promiſes and threatnings, thoſe judgements and mercies, thoſe holy precepts and admonitions which thou haſt regiſtred in Scriptures, and in the records and monuments of the Church, for all thoſe graces, helpes, and comforts whereby thou promoteſt me in piety, and the wayes of true Religion, for baptiſmall and penitentiall grace, for the opportunities and ſweet refreſhings of the Sacrament of the Euchariſt, for all the advantages thou haſt given me of good ſociety, tutours, and governours, for the feares thou haſt produced in me as deleteries and impediments of ſin, for all my hopes of pardon, and expectation of the promiſes made by our Lord Ieſus Chriſt to incourage me in the pathes of life and ſanctity, for all the holy ſermons, ſpirituall bookes, and leſſons, for all the good prayers and meditations, for thoſe bleſſed waitings and knockings at the doore of my heart, patiently tarrying for, and lovingly inviting me to repentance, without ceaſing, admoniſhing and reproving me with the checkes of a tender conſcience, with exteriour and interiour mo-

tiyes, and for whatsoever other meanes or incentive of holinesse thou hast assisted me withall.

I magnifie, and praise, and adore thee and thy goodnesse. All Nations whom thou hast made and sanctified shall come and worship thee, O Lord, and shall glorifie thy Name, for thou art great and doest wondrous things, thou art God alone, and great is thy mercy towards me, thou hast delivered my soule from the nethermost Hell, therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing: O my God, I will give thankes unto thee for ever with Cherubims, and Seraphims, and all the companies of the heavenly Host, saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabbaoth, holy is our God, holy is the Immortall, holy is the Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the holy Ghost, to whom be all honour and glory and dominion and power ascribed of all spirits, and all men, and all creatures, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

I.

Prayers preparatory to the receiving of the blessed Sacrament.

O Most immaculate and glorious Iesu, behold me miserable sinner, drawing neare to thee with the approaches of humility, and earnest

neſt deſire to be cleanſed from my ſinnes, to be united to thee by the neareſt and moſt myſterious union of charity and Sacramentall participation of thy moſt holy Body and Bloud: I preſume nothing of mine owne worthineſse, but I am moſt confident of thy mercies and infinite loving kindneſse. I know, O Lord, I am blinde and ſicke, and dead, and naked, but therefore I come the rather: I am ſicke, and thou art my Phyſitian, thou ariſeſt with healing in thy wings, by thy wounds I come to be cured, and to be healed by thy ſtripes: I am unclean, but thou art the Fountain of purity, I am blinde, and thou art the great Eye of the world, the Sun of righteouſneſse, in thy light I ſhall ſee light: I am poore, and thou art rich unto all, the Lord of all the creatures. I therefore humbly begge of thy mercy that thou wouldeſt be pleaſed to take from me all my ſinnes, to cure my infirmities, to cleanſe my filthineſſe, to lighten my darkneſſe, to clothe my nakedneſſe with the robe of thy righteouſneſſe, that I may with ſuch reverence, and faith, and holy intention receive thy bleſſed Body and Bloud in the myſterious Sacrament, that it may be unto me life, and pleaſantneſse, and holy nourishment, and that I may be firmely and indiſſolubly united to thy myſticall Body, and may at laſt ſee clearly and without a vaile thy face in glory everlasting.

who

who livest and reignest, ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

II.

I Adore and blesse thy glorious Majesty, O blessed Iesu, for this great dignation and vouchsafing to me, that thou art pleased for all the infinite multiplication of my sinnes, and innumerable violations of thy holy Law, still to give thy selfe unto me, to convey health, and grace, and life, and hopes of glory in the most blessed Sacrament. I adore thee, O most righteous Redeemer, that thou art pleased under the visible signes of Bread and Wine, to convey unto our soules thy holy Body and Bloud, and all the benefits of thy bitter Passion. O my God, I am not worthy thou shouldest come under my roofe, but let thy holy Spirit with his puritie prepare for thee a lodging in my soule. Thou hast knocked often, O blessed Iesu, at the doore of my heart, and wouldest willingly have entred; behold, O Lord, my heart is ready to receive thee, cast out of it all worldly desires, all lusts and carnall appetites, and then enter in, and there love to inhabit, that the Devill may never returne to a place that is so swept and garnished, to fill me full of all iniquity. O thou lover of soules, grant that this holy Sacrament may be a light unto mine eyes, a

guide

guide to my understanding, and a joy to my soule, that by its strength I may subdue and mortifie the whole body of sin in me, and that it may produce in me constancy in Faith, fulnesse of wisedome, perfection and accomplishment of all thy righteous commandments, and such a blessed union with thee, that I may never more live unto my selfe, or to the world, but to thee onely, and by the refreshment of an holy hope, I may be lead through the pathes of a good life, and persevering piety to the communion and possession of thy Kingdome, O blessed Iesu, who livest and reignest ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

III.

O Lord God, who hast made all things of nought, producing great degrees of essence out of nothing: make me a new creature, and of a sinfull man, make me holy, and just, and mercifull; that I may receive thy precious Body, devoutly, reverently, with meeknesse, contrition, and great affection, with spirituall comfort and gladnesse at thy mysticall presence. Feed my soule with Bread from Heaven, fill me with charity, conform me to thy will in all things, save me from all dangers bodily and ghostly, assist and guide me in all doubts and feares, prepare and strengthen me against all surreptions and sudden incur-

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sion of temptations, cleanse me from all staines of sin, and suffer nothing to abide in me but thy selfe onely, who art the Life of soules, the Food of the Elect, and the joy of Angels. Give me such a gust and holy relish in this Divine nutriment, that nothing may ever hereafter please me but what savours of thee and thy miraculous sweetnesse. Teach me to loath all the pleasures and beauties of this life, and let my soule be so inebriated with the pleasures of thy Table, that I may be comprehended and swallowed up with thy love and sweetnesse: let me thinke nothing but thee, covet nothing but thee, enjoy nothing but thee, nothing in comparison with thee, and neither do nor possesse any thing but what leades to thee, and is in order to the performance of thy will and the fruition of thy glories. Transfixe my soule, O blessed Jesu, with so great love to thee, so great devotion in receiving the holy Sacrament, that I may be transformed to the Fellowship of thy sufferings, and admitted to a participation of all the benefits of thy Passion, and to a communion of thy graces and thy glories. I desire to be with thee, dissolve all the chaines of my sin, and then come Lord Jesus; come quickly. Let my soule feed on thee greedily, for thou art the spring of light and life, the Fountaine of wisdome and health, a torrent of divine plea-

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sure and tranquillity, the Authour of peace and comfort: enter into me, sweet Jesu, take thou possession of my soule, and be thou Lord over me and all my faculties, and preserve me with great mercy and tenderneſse, that no doubting or infidelity, no impenitence or remanent affection to a sin, no impurity or irreverence may make me unworthy and uncapable of thy glorious approach. Let not my sinnes crucifie the Lord of life again, let it not be said concerning me, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table, that this holy Communion may not be unto me an occasion of death, but a blessed peace-offering for my sinnes, and a gate of life and glory. Grant this, O blessed God, for his sake who is both Sacrifice and Priest, the Master of the Feast, and the Feast it selfe, even Jesus Christ, to whom with thee, O Father and the holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer after receiving the consecrated Bread.

I Give thankes unto thee Almighty and eternall God, that thou hast not rejected me from thy holy Table, but hast refreshed my soule with the salutary refection of the Body of thy Son Jesus Christ. Lord if I had lived innocently and

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had kept all thy Commandments, I could have had no proportion of merit to so transcendent a mercy; but since I have lived in all manner of sin, and multiplied provocations against thy Divine Majesty, thy mercy is so glorious and infinite, that I am amased at the consideration of its immensity. Go on, O my deare God, to finish so blessed a redemption, and now that thou hast begun to celebrate a marriage and holy union between thy Selfe and my soule, let me never throw off the wedding garment, or stain it with the pollutions of deadly sin, nor seek after other lovers, but let me for ever, and ever be united unto thee, being transformed into thy will in this life, and to the likenesse of thy glories in the life to come, who livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

After receiving the Cup.

O Iust and deare God, who out of the unmeasurable abysses of wisedome and mercy hast redeemed us, and offered life, and grace, and salvation to us by the reall exhibition of thy Son Iesus Christ in the sacrifice of his Death upon the altar of the Crosse, and by commemoration of his bitter agonies in the holy Sacrament; Grant that that great and venerable sacrifice which we now commemorate sacramentally, may procure

procure of thee for thy whole Church mercy and great assistance in all trials, deliverance from all heresies, schismes, sacriledge, and persecutions, to all sicke people health and salvation, redemption for captives, competency of living to the indigent and necessitous, comfort to the afflicted, relicfe to the oppressed, repentance to all sinners, softnesse of spirit and a tender conscience to the obstinate, conversion to the Iewes, Turkes, and remedy to all that are in any trouble or adversity. And grant to us, O Lord, that this blessed Sacrament and sacrifice of commemoration in vertue of that dreadfull and proper Sacrifice upon the Crosse may obtain for me and for us all who have communicated this day, pardon and peace; and that we may derive from thee by this ministery grace to expell all our sinnes, to mortifie all our lusts, to exterminate all concupiscence, to crucifie all inordination and irregularity, to produce in us humility, and chastity, and obedience, and meeknesse of spirit, and charity, and may become our Defence and Armour against the violences and invasions of all our ghostly enemies, and temporall disadvantages; and give us this grace and favour, that we may not die in the guilt and commission of a sin without repentance, nor without receiving the blessed Sacrament, but that we may so live and die, that we

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may at last rest in thy bosome, and be imbraced with the comprehensions of thy eternall charity, who livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

All blessing, and praise, and honour, be unto thee, O blessed Redeemer: to thee we the banished and miserable sonnes of *Adam*, do call for mercy and defence, to thee we sigh and cry in this valley of teares, O dearest Advocate, turne those thy mercifull eyes towards us, & shew us thy glorious face in thy Kingdome, where no teares, or sighing, or feares, or sadnesses can approach. *Amen*, sweetest Iesu, *Amen.*

Prayers preparatory to death.

I.

A Prayer for a blessed ending, to be said in time of health or sickness.

O Blessed Iesu, Fountaine of eternall mercy, the Life of the soule, and glorious Conquerour over Death and sin, I humbly beseech thee to give me grace so to spend this transitory life in vertuous and holy exercises, that when

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the day of my death shall come, in the midst of all my paines, I may feel the sweet refreshings of thy holy spirit comforting my soul, sustaining my infirmities, and releeving all my spirituall necessities: and grant, that in the Vnity of the holy Catholique Church, and in the integrity of Christian faith, with confidence and hope of thy mercy, in great love towards thee, in peace with my Neighbours, and in charity with all the world, I may through thy grace depart hence out of this vale of misery, and go unto that glorious country, where thou hast purchased an inheritance for us with the price of thy most precious bloud, and raignest in it gloriously, in the Vnity of thy Father and ours, of thy holy Spirit, and our Ghostly Comforter, ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

II

A Prayer to be said at the beginning of a sickenesse.

O Lord my God, who chastisest every one whom thou receivest, and with thy Fatherly correction smitest all those whom thou consignest to the inheritance of sonnes; write my soul in the book of life, and number me amongst thy Children, whom thou hast smitten with the

rod of sickneſſe, and by thy chaſtiſements haſt brought me into the Lot of the righteous. Thou, O Bleſſed Ieſu, art a helper in the needfull time of trouble; lay no more upon me then thou ſhalt enable me to beare, and let thy gentle correction in this life prevent the inſupportable ſtripes of thy vengeance in the life to come. Smite me now that thou mayeſt ſpare me to all eternity: and yet, O bleſſed High Prieſt, who art touched with a ſenſe of our infirmities, ſmite me friendly, and reprooue me with ſuch a tenderneſſe as thou bearſt unto thy Children, to whom thou conveyeſt ſupplementary comforts, greater then the paines of chaſtiſement, and in due time reſtore me to health, and to thy ſolemne aſſemblies again, and to the joy of thy Countenance. Give me patience and humility, and the grace of repentance, and an abſolute dereliction of my ſelfe, and a reſignation to thy pleaſures and providence, with a power to do thy will in all things, and then do what thou pleaſeſt to me; only in health or ſickneſſe, in life or death, let me feel thy comforts refreſhing my ſoul, and let thy grace pardon all my ſinnes. Grant this, O Bleſſed Ieſu, for my truſt is in thee onely, thou art my God, and my merciſull Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

III.

A Prayer to be said in the progresse of a sickenesse.

O Lord my God, Blessed Iesu, who by thy bitter death and passion hast sweetned the cup of death to us, taking away it's bitternesse and sting, and making it an entrance to life and glory, have pitty upon me thy servant, who have so deep a share in sinne, that I cannot shake off the terrors of death, but that my nature with it's hereditary corruption still would preserve it selfe in a division from the joyes of thy Kingdom. Lord I acknowledge my own infirmities and begge thy pitty. It is better for me to be with thee, but the remembrance of my sinnes doth so depresse my growing confidence, that I am in a great streight between my feares and hopes, between the infirmities of my Nature, and the better desires of conforming to thy holy will and pleasure. O my Deare Redeemer, wean my soul and all my desires from the flatteries of this world, pardon all my sinnes, and configne so great a favour by the comforts and attestation of thy divinest Spirit, that my own feares being mastered, my sinnes pardoned, my desires rectified, as the Hart thirsts after the springs of water, so my soul may long after thee, O God, and to enter into thy Courts

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Heavenly Father, if it may be for thy glory, and my ghostly good, to have the dayes of my pilgrimage prolonged, I begge of thee health and life; but if it be not pleasing to thee, to have this cup passe from me, thy will be done: my Saviour hath drunk off all the bitternesse. Behold, O Lord, I am in thine hands, do with me as seemeth good in thine eyes; though I walke through the vally of the shadow of death, I will fear no evill, for thou art with me, thy rod, and thy staffe comfort me. I will lay me downe in peace, and take my rest, for it is thou Lord only who shalt make me to dwell in everlasting safety, and to partake of the joyes of thy Kingdom, who livest and raignest eternall God, world without end. *Amen.*

IV.

A Prayer for a sick person, in danger of death.

O Lord Iesus Christ, our health and life, our hope, and our resurrection from the dead: I resigne my self up to thy holy will and pleasure, either to life, that I may live longer to thy service and my amendment, or to death, to the perpetuall enjoyment of thy presence, and of thy glories. Into thy hands I commend my spirit, for I know, O Lord, that nothing can perish, which is committed to thy mercies. I believe, O Lord, that I

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shall receive my body again at the resurrection of the just; I relinquish all care of that, only I beg of thee mercy for my soul; strengthen it with thy grace against all temptations, let thy loving kindnesse defend it, as with a shield against all the violences and hostile assaults of Sathan: let the same mercy be my guard and defence, which protected thy Martyrs, crowning them with victory in the midst of flames, horrid torments, and most cruell deaths. There is no help in me, O Lord, I cannot by my own power, give a minutes rest to my wearied body, but my trust is in thy sure mercies, & I call to mind, to my unspeakable comfort, that thou wert hungry, and thirsty, and wearied, & whipt, and crown'd with Thornes, and mock'd, & crucified for me. O let that mercy which made thee suffer so much, make thee do that for which thou sufferedst so much, pardon me, and save me. Let thy merits answer for my impieties, let thy righteousnesse cover my sinnes, thy bloud wash away my staines, and thy comforts refresh my soul. As my body growes weak let thy grace be stronger, let not my faith doubt, nor my hope tremble, nor my charity grow cold, nor my soul be affrighted with the terrors of death; but let the light of thy countenance enlighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death eternall; and when my tongue failes, let thy spirit teach my heart to pray, with strong

crying and groanes that are unutterable. O Let not the enemy do me any violence, but let thy holy mercies, and thy Angels repell and defeat his malice and fraud, that my soul may by thy strength triumph in the joyes of eternity, in the fruition of thee, my life, my joy, my hope, my exceeding great reward, my Lord and Saviour Iesus Christ. *Amen.*

V.

For a dying Person in, or neare the agonies of death.

MOst mercifull and Blessed Saviour, have mercy upon the soule of this thy servant; remember not his ignorances, nor the sins of his youth, but according to thy great mercy remember him in the mercies and glories of thy Kingdome. Thou, O Lord, hast open'd the Kingdom of Heaven to all beleivers, let the everlasting gates be open'd, and receive his Soul: let the Angells, who rejoyce at the conversion of a sinner, triumph, and be exalted in his deliverance and salvation. Make him partaker of the benefits of thy holy incarnation, life and sanctity, passion and death, resurrection and ascension, and of all the prayers of the Church, of the joy of the elect, and all the fruits of the blessed communion of Saints;

and dayly adde to the number of thy beatified servants such as shall be saved, that thy comming may be hastned, and the expectation of the Saints may be fulfilled, and the glory of thee, our Lord Iesu, be advanced, all the whole Church singing prayses to the Honour of thy name, who livest and raignest ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

VI.

O Most mercifull Iesu, who didst dye to redeem us from death and damnation, have mercy upon this thy servant, whom thy hand hath visited with sickness: of thy goodness be pleased to forgive him all his sinnes, and seal his hopes of glory, with the refreshments of thy holy Spirit. Lord give him strength and confidence in thee, asswage his pain, repell the assaults of his Ghostly enemies by thy mercies, and a guard of holy Angels: preserve him in the unity of the Church, keep his senses intire, his understanding right, give him great measure of contrition, true faith, a well grounded hope, and abundant charity: give him a quiet and a joyfull departure, let thy ministring spirits convey his soule to the mansions of peace and rest, there with certainty to expect a joyfull resurrection to the fulnesse of joy at thy right hand, where there is pleasure for evermore, *Amen.*

VII.

A Prayer for the joyes of Heaven.

O Most glorious Iesu, who art the portion and exceeding great reward of all faithfull people, thou hast beautified humane Nature with glorious immorrality, and hast carried the same above all Heavens, above the seat of Angels, beyond the Cherubims and Seraphims, placing it on the right hand of thy heavenly Father, grant to us all the issues of thy abundant charity, that we may live in thy feare, and die in thy favour. Prepare our soules with heavenly vertues for heavenly joyes, making us righteous here, that we may be beautified hereafter. *Amen.*

A Morning Prayer.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Ghost.

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

I.

O Eternall Sun of righteousnes, who camest from the bosome of thy Father the Fountain of my glorious light, to enlighten the darknesses of the world; I praise thy Name that thou hast

hast preserved me from the dangers of this night, and hast continued to me still the opportunities of serving thee, and advancing my hopes of a blessed eternity. Let thy mercies shine brightly upon me, and dissipate the clouds and darknesses of my spirit and understanding, rectifie my affections, and purifie my will and all my actions, that whatsoever I shall do or suffer this day, or in my whole life, my words and purposes, my thoughts and my intentions may be sanctified, and be acceptable to thy divine Majesty. *Amen.*

II.

GRant that my understanding may know thee, my heart may love thee, and all my faculties and powers may give thee due obedience and serve thee. Preserve me this day from all sin and danger, from all violences and snares of mine enemies visible and invisible: let thy holy feare be as a bridle to my distemperatures, and thy love so enkindle and actuate all mine endeavours, that no pleasure or allurements of the world may draw me from thy service, nor any difficulty or temptation may be my hinderance: let the profound humility and innocence of my blessed Saviour keep from me all pride and haughtinesse of minde, all selfe-love and vain-glory, all obstinacy and disobedience, all fraudulency and hurtfull dissimu-

dissimulation, and let the graces of the holy Ghost take so absolute possession and seizure of my soule, and all it's faculties, that I may tread down and cast out the spirit of intemperance and uncleanesse, of malice and envy, of idlenesse and disdaine, that I may never despise any of thy creatures, but my selfe; that so being little in mine own sight, I may be great in thine. *Amen.*

III.

CLoth my soule with the wedding garment, the habits of supernaturall Faith and Charity, that I may believe all thy holy promises and revelations without all wavering, and love thee my God with so great devotions and affections, that neither life nor death, prosperity nor adversity, temptations within, nor without, may ever disunite me from the love of thee; but that I may have the most intimate adhesion to thy glories and perfections, of which my condition in this world is capable. Make me to choose vertue with the same freenes of election, entertaine it with as little reluctancy, keep it with as much complacency, actuate it with as many faculties, serve it with as much industry, as I have in time past my vices and pleasures of the world; and grant that all inordinate affection to the transitory things of this life may daily decay in me, and

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that I may grow in spirit and ghostly strength, till I come to a perfect man in Christ Iesus. *Amen.*

IV.

GIve unto thy servant true humility, great contrition, a tender conscience, an obedient heart, an understanding alwayes busied in honest and pious thoughts, a will tractable and ever prone to do good, affections even and moderate, a watchfull custody over my senses, that by those windowes sin may never enter in, nor death by sin. Make me to watch over my tongue, and keep the doore of my lips, that no corrupt or unseemly communication proceed out my mouth, that I may never slander, calumniate or detract from the reputation of my neighbour; that I be not busie in the faults of others, but carefull to correct mine own, being gentle and mercifull to others, and severe towards my selfe, that I may speake much of thy praises, and what I can for the edification of my brethren. *Amen.*

V.

GIve me understanding in thy Law, that I may know thy will; and grace, and strength faithfully to fulfil the same. Give me a feare of thy Name, and of thy threatnings, and a love and hope of thy promises. Let me daily feele thy

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mercies, and remove thy judgements farre from me. Imprint in my heart a filiall reverence and awfulnes towards thy Divine Majestie, that I may studie to please thee with diligence, to worship thee with much devotion, to submit to the disposition of thy providence with thankfulnesse; and that in conscience of my dutie towards thee I may honour the King, obey Magistrates under him, love the Saints, and do all acts of charitie according to my opportunitie and abilitie, directing all my actions and intentions, not according to custome, or in pursuance of mine owne ends and temporall advantages, but in thy feare and in holy religion to the advancement of thy honour and glorie. *Amen.*

VI.

GIve me a soule watchfull in the services of Religion, constant in holy purposes, ingenuous and free from sordid ends or servile flatterie, a modest gravitie in my deportment, affabilitie and faire curteous demeanour towards all men, austeritie in condemning mine own sinnes, sweetnesse in fraternall correction and reprehending others, mature judgement, a chaste bodie and a cleane soule, patience in suffering, deliberation in my words and actions, good counsels in all my purposes: make me just in performing promises,

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and in all my duties, sedulous in my calling, profitable to the Common-wealth, a true Son of the Church, and of a disposition meek and charitable towards all men. *Amen.*

VII.

LEt this be my portion, and the comfort of my pilgrimage, so long as I am detained in the condition of mortality, and exiled from my heavenly Countrey, that being free from all feare of mine enemies, and from vexations, cares and solicitudes of this life, I may be wholly devoted to thy service, that I may attend thee onely, and what tends to thee, that I may rejoyce onely in thee, and my soule may rest in thee; that without distractions I may entertain thy heavenly Doctrine, and the blessed motions of thy holy Spirit, spending my time in the duties of necessity, in the workes of charity, and the frequent office of Religion, with diligence, and patience, and perseverance, and hope, expecting the accomplishment of my dayes in peace; that when I go into my dust, I may be reckoned amongst those blessed soules, whose worke it is to give thee praise, and honour, and glory, to all eternity. *Amen.*

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for evermore. Amen.

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An Evening Prayer.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Ghost.

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

I.

O Lord God, who art the light and splendour of soules, in the brightnesse of thy countenance is eternall Day that knowes no night, in thy armes, and in thy protection is all quietnesse, tranquillity, and everlasting repose, while the darknesse covers the face of the earth, receive my body and soule into thy custody; let not the spirits of darknesse come neare my dwelling, neither suffer my fancy to be abused with illusions of the night. Lord, I am thy servant, and the sheep of thy pasture, let not the Devill, who goeth up and down seeking whom he may devoure, abuse my bodie, or make a prey of my soule, but defend me from all those calamities which I have deserved, and protect my soule, that it consent not to any worke of darknesse, least mine enemy say, he hath prevailed over me, or do mischiefe to a soule redeemed with thy most precious Blood. Amen.

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II.

PArdon and forgive me all the sinnes and offences of my youth, the errours of mine understanding, the inordination of mine affections, the irregularity of all mine actions, and particularly whatsoever I have transgressed this day in thought, word, or deed. Lord, let not thy wrath arise, for although I have deserved the extremest pressure of thine indignation, yet remember my infirmity and how thou hast sent thy sonne to reveale thy infinite mercies to us, and convey pardon and salvation to the penitent. I beseech thee allso to accept the hearty Devotion and humble acknowledgement of a thankfull heart, for thy blessing and preservation of this Day, for unlesse thy Providence and Grace had been my Defence and Guide, I had committed more and more grievous sinnes, and had been swallowed up by thy just wrath, and severest judgements. Mercy sweet Iesu. *Amen.*

III.

LOrd, let thy grace be so present with me, that though my body sleep, yet my soule may for ever be watchfull, that I sleep not sin, or permit any opportunity of doing thee service, let the remembrances of thy goodnesse and glo-

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ries be first and last with mee, and so unite my heart unto thee with habituall charity, that all my actions and sufferings may be directed to thy glory, & every motion and inclination either of soule or body, may in some capacity or other, receive a blessing from thee, and do thee service; that whether I sleep or wake, travell or rest, eat or drinke, live or dye, I may alwaies feel the light of thy countenance shining so upon me, that my labours may be easie, my rest blessed, my food sanctified, and my whole life spent with so much sanctity and peace, that escaping from the darknesses of this world, I may at last come to the land of everlasting rest in thy light, to behold light and glory through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for evermore.

Another Prayer for Evening.

VIsit we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation with thy mercie, and us thy servants with thy salvation, and repell farre from us all the snares of the Enemy. Let thy holy Angells dwell

dwell here to keep us in peace and safety, and thy blessing be upon us for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O Lord Jesu Christ, the lively Image of thy Fathers mercies and glories, the Saviour of all them that put their trust in thee; we offer and present to thee all our strengths, & powers of our soules and bodies, and whatsoever we are, or have to be preserved, governed, and possest by thee. Preserve us from all vitious, vaine, and proud cogitations, unchaste affections, and from all those things which thou hatest. Grant us thy holy charity, that we may love thee above all the world, that we may, with sincerity of intention and zealous affections, seek thee alone, and in thee onely take our rest, inseparably joyning our selves unto thee, who art worthy to be beloved and adored of all thy creatures with lowest prostrations, and highest affections, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

III.

O Father of mercies, and God of all comforts, let this blessing be upon us, and upon all the members of thy holy Church; all health and safety both of body and soul, against all our enemies, visible

sible and invisible, now and for ever. Send us a quiet night, and a holy death in the actuall communion of the Catholique Church, and in thy charity, through Iesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

Now, and in all dangers and afflictions of soul and body, in the houre of death, and in the day of judgement, save us and deliver us, O sweet Saviour and Redeemer Iesu.

Collects to be added upon Various occasions.

I.

For the Church.

ALmighty and everlasting God, who hast revealed thy glory to *Iewes* and *Gentiles* in our Lord Iesus Christ, extend thy hand of mercie over all the world, that thy Church may spread like a flourishing vine, and enlarge her borders to the uttermost parts of the earth, that all Nations partaking of the sweet refreshings of thy Gospell, thy name may be glorified, the honour of our

our Lord Iesus advanc'd, his prophecies fullfilled, and his comming hastened. Blesse, O Lord, thy holy Church with all blessings of comfort, assistance, and preservation; extirpate heresies, unite her divisions, give her patience and perseverance in the faith, and confession of thy name, in despite of all Enmities, temptations, and disadvantages; destroy all wicked counsells intended against her, or any of her children, by the Divell or any of his accursed instruments. Let the hands of thy grace and mercy lead her from this vale of misery, to the triumphant throne of her Lord and Saviour Iesus Christ. *Amen.*

II.

For the King.

O Lord our heavenly Father, High and Mighty, King of Kings, who in thy hands hast the hearts of Kings, and can'st turne them as the rivers of water, send the light of thy countenance, and abundance of blessings upon thy servant, our Soveraigne Lord King *Charles*, make him as holy, valiant, and prosperous as King *David*, wise and rich like *Solomon*, zealous for the honour of thy Law and temple as *Josiah*; and give him all sorts of great assistances, to enable him to serve thee, to glorifie thy name, to protect thy Church, to promote true religion, to overcome

all his enemies, to make glad all his leige people, that he serving thee with all diligence, and the utmost of his possibility, his people may serve him with honour and obedience, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed word and ordinance, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

For the Queen.

O God of heaven, Father of mercies, have mercy upon our most gracious Queen, unite her unto thee with the bands of faith and love, preserve her to her lives end in thy favour, and make her an instrument of glory to thy Name, of refreshment to the Church, of joy to all faithfull people of this Kingdome, of a plenteous and blessed Issue to his Majesty, and Crowne her with an eternall weight of glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IV.

For the Prince of Wales.

O Most blessed Jesu, Sonne of God, who camest from thy Fathers bosome with myriads of blessings to the sonnes of men, blesse us all by thy especiall care and providence, over the body

body and soul of the most Illustrious Prince, CHARLES. Prepare him with plenty of thy grace, and with great abilities to succeed his Royall Father, in the service of thy Majesty, in defending the Catholique Faith, in comforting thy holy Church, in governing all the people prudently, justly, and religiously, that being partaker of all thy mercies here, in proportion to his necessitie and capacity, he may enjoy a fulnesse of thy glory hereafter, through Iesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V.

For the Bishops.

O Thou great sheep-heard and Bishop of our soules, most glorious Iesu, blesse all holy and religious Prelates, especially the Bishops of our Church. O God let abundance of thy grace and benediction descend upon their heads, that by a holy life, by a true and Catholique beleife, by a confident confession of thy Name, and by a Fatherly care, great sedulity and watchfullnesse over their flock, they may glorifie thee our God, the great lover of Soules, and set forward the salvation of their people, and of others by their example, and at last after a plentifull conversion of soules, they may shine like the Starres in glory, through Iesus Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

VI.

For our Parents.

O Almightie God, and mercifull Father, who from the loines of our first Parents *Adam* and *Eve*, hast produced mankinde, and hast commanded us to honour our Parents; in pursuance of thy holy Commandment and of our dutie to thee our God, and in thee to them, do with all humilitie begge a blessing of thee for our Parents, who from thy mercie and plentie have conveyed many to us; pardon and forgive all their sinnes and infirmities, increase in them all goodnesse, give them blessings of the right hand, and blessings of the left; blesse them in their persons, in their posteritie, in the comforts of thy holy Spirit, in a persevering goodnesse, and at last in an eternall weight of glorie, through Iesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

VII.

For our Children.

O Father of Heaven, God of all the Creatures, by whose Providence mankinde is increased, I blesse thy Name for bestowing on me that blessing of the righteous man, the blessing of Children. Lord blesse them with health, with

with life, with good understanding, with faire opportunities and advantages of education, societie, tutours, and governours; and above all with the graces of thy holy Spirit, that they may live and be blessed under thy protection, grow in grace, and be in favour with God and Man, and at last may make up the number of thine elect Children, through Iesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

VIII.

For our Patron, our Friends, and Benefactours.

O Almightie God, thou Fountain of all good, of all excellencie both to Men and Angels, extend thine abundant favour and loving kindnesses to my Patron, to all my Friends and Benefactours; reward them and make them plentifull compensation for all the good which from thy mercifull Providence they haue conveyed unto me. Let the light of thy countenance shine upon them, and let them never come into any desertion, affliction, or sadnesse, but such as may be an instrument of thy glorie and their eternall comfort, in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

IX.

A Prayer of a wife for her Husband.

O My God, who hast graciously pleased to call me to the holy state of Matrimonie, blesse me in it with the grace of chastitie, with loyaltie, obedience, and complacencie to my Husband; and blesse him with long life, with a healthfull bodie, with an understanding soule, with abundance of all thy graces, which may make him to be and continue thy servant, a true son of the Church, a supporter and a guide to me his wife, a blessing and a comfort to his children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

X.

Of a Husband for his Wife.

O Mercifull God, who art a Father to us thy Children, a Spouse to thy holy Church, a Saviour and Redeemer to all mankinde, have mercie upon thy Handmaid my wife, endue her with all the ornaments of thy heavenly grace, make her to be holy and devout as *Hester*, loving and amiable as *Rachel*, fruitfull as *Leah*, wise as *Rebeccah*, faithfull and obedient as *Sarah*, that being filled with thy grace and benediction here, she

she may be partaker of thy glorie hereafter through Iesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XI.

For a Curate to say in behalfe of his Parish.

O Blessed Iesu, thou that art an eternall Priest, an universall Bishop, and the Fountain of all ghostly good, have mercy upon this Parish which thou hast concredited to my charge, Lord, I am unfit for so great a burden, but by thy aide and gracious acceptation I hope for mercy, pardon and assistance. O Lord, send thy holy Spirit to dwell amongst us: let here be peace and charity, and true Catholike Religion, and holy Discipline. Comfort the comfortlesse, heale the sicke, relieve the oppressed, instruct the ignorant, correct the refractory, keep us all from all deadly sin, and make them obedient to their superiours, friendly to one another, and servants of thy Divine Majestie, that so from thy favour they may obtain blessings in their bodies, in their soules, in their estates, and a supply to all their necessities, till at last they be freed from all dangers and necessities in the full fruition of thy everlasting glories, O blessed Saviour, and Redeemer Iesu. *Amen.*

XII.

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For a Parishioner to say in behalfe of his Curate.

O God Almighty, who art pleased to send thy blessings upon us by the Ministration of the Bishops and Priests of thy holy Church, have mercie upon thy servant, to whom is committed the care of my soule, that he, by whose meanes thou art graciously pleased to advance my spirituall good, may by thy grace and favour be protected, by thy providence assisted, by thy great mercies comforted and relieued in all his necessities bodily and ghostly, through Iesus Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

XIII.

For safe Child-birth.

O Blessed Iesu, Son of the eternall God, who according to thy humanitie wert borne of a holy Maid, who conceived thee without sin, and brought thee forth without pain, have mercie upon me thy humble servant, and as by thy blessing I have conceived, so grant that by thy favourable assistance I may be safely delivered. Lord, grant me patience, and strength, and confidence in thee, and send thy holy Angel to be my guardian in

in the houre of my travaile. O shut not up my soule with sinners, nor my life with them that go down into the pit. I humbly also begge mercie for my childe, grant it may be borne with it's right shape, give it a comely bodie, an understanding soule, life, and opportunitie of Baptisme, and thy grace from the cradle to the grave, that it may increase the number of Saints in that holy Fellowship of Saints and Angels, where thou livest and reignest eternall God, world without end. *Amen.*

XIV.

Before a journey.

O God, who didst preserve thy servants *Abraham* and *Jacob*, thy People *Israel*, thy servant *Tobias*, and the wisemen of the East in their severall journies, by thy Providence, by a ministerie of Angels, by a pillar of fire, and by the guidance of a Starre, vouchsafe to preserve us thy servants in the way we are now to go. Be (O Lord) unto us a Guide in our preparation, a shadow in the Day, and a covering by Night, a rest to our wearinesse, and a staffe to our weaknesse, a patron in adversitie, a protection from danger, that by thy assistance we may performe our journey safely to thy honour, to our owne

comfort, and with safetie may returne, and at last bring us to the everlasting rest of our heavenly Countrey, through him who is the way, the truth, and the life, our blessed Lord and Saviour Iesus. *Amen.*

XV.

For afflicted persons.

O Lord God, mercifull and gracious, whose compassion extends to all that are in miserie and need, and takest delight in the relieving the distresses of the afflicted, give refreshment to all the comfortlesse, provide for the poore, give ease to all them that are tormented with sharpe paines, health to the diseased, libertie and redemption to the captives, chearfulnesse of spirit to all them that are in great desolations. Lord, let thy Spirit confirme all that are strong, streng-then all that are weake, and speake peace to afflicted consciences, that the light of thy countenance being restored to them, they may rejoyce in thy salvation, and sing praises unto thy Name, who hast delivered their soules from death, their eyes from teares, and their feet from falling. Grant this for the honour of thy mercies and the glorie of thy Name, through Iesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XVI.

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For our Enemies.

O Blessed Iesu, who wert of so infinite mercies, so transcendent a charitie, that thou didst descend from Heaven to the bowels of the earth, that thou mightest reconcile us who were enemies, to the mercies of thy heavenly Father; and in imitation of so glorious example hast commanded us to love them that hate us, and to pray for them that are our enemies; I beseech thee of thine infinite goodnesse, that thou wouldst be pleased to keep me with thy grace in so much meeknesse, justice, and affable disposition, that I may, so farre, as concernes me live peaceably with all men, giving no man occasion of offence, and to them who hate me without a cause, I beseech thee give thy pardon, and fill them with charitie towards thee and all the world, blesse them with all blessings in order to eternitie, that when they are reconciled to thee, we also may be united with the bands of Faith, and Love, and a common hope, and at last we may be removed to the glories of thy Kingdome, which is full of love and eternall charitie, and where thou livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

XVII.

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A Prayer to be said upon Ember-dayes.

O Mercifull Iesu, who hast promised perpetuitie to the Church, and a permanencie in defiance of all the powers of darknesse, and the gates of hell, and to this purpose hast constituted severall orders, leaving a power to the Apostles, and their Successours, the Bishops, to beget Fathers of our soules, and to appoint Priests and Deacons for the edification of the Church, the benefit of all Christian People, and the advancement of thy service; have mercie upon thy Ministers the Bishops, give them for ever great measure of thy holy Spirit, and at this time particular assistances, and a power of discerning and trying the spirits of them who come to be ordained to the Ministerie of thy Word and Sacraments; that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but maturely, prudently, and piously, they may appoint such to thy service and the Ministerie of thy Kingdome, who by learning, discretion, and a holy life are apt instruments for the conversion of soules, to be examples to the People, guides of their manners, comforters of their sorrowes, to sustaine their weaknesses, and able to promote all the interests of true Religion. Grant this, O great

great Shepheard and Bishop of our soules, Blessed Iesus, who livest and reignest in the Kingdome of thine [illegible]rpall Father, one God, world without end [illegible]r.

Sanctus Deus.
Sanctus Fortis.
Sanctus Immortalis.

FINIS.

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Vse these P[illegible]

Ps: 20 . Ps: 21 . [illegible] 61 . Ps: 8[illegible]

Ps: 132

For Peace

Ps: 46 . Ps: 122 . Ps: 133 . Ps: 144 .

For forgiveness of Sinnes

Ps: 6 . Ps: 25 . Ps: 32 . Ps: 38 . Ps: 40

Ps: 41 . Ps: 51 . Ps: 130 . Ps: 143 .

For the Church

Ps: 74 . Ps: 79 . Ps: 80 . Ps: 94 . Ps: 1[illegible]

In time of Sadness, and Afflictio[illegible]

Ps: 42 . Ps: 43 . Ps: 102 . Ps: 103 . Ps: 143

For Protection

[illegible] Ps: 22 . Ps: 86 . Ps: 91 . Ps: 140 .